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Agenda Item #	3
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Discussion Item	Discussion of Establishment of a Land Use Committee related to the Washington Adventist Hospital Site
Background	<p>In September, 2005, Washington Adventist Hospital announced plans to leave its Takoma Park location. As a result of this announcement, in February, 2006, the Takoma Park City Council decided to create two committees, a Health Services Impact Committee and a Land Use Committee.</p> <p>The Health Services Impact Committee (HSIC) was established first to gather and share information on the health care and health care access needs of the Takoma Park community and on the potential impacts of the possible relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital to meeting those needs. Currently, the committee is finalizing a Community Health Needs Survey that will be disseminated to the residents of Takoma Park and surrounding communities to collect data relating to the health care needs. The HSIC was to complete its work within two years, with committee expiration set for February, 2008.</p> <p>The Land Use Committee was seen to be a longer-term committee, but, because of uncertainty of the timing of the hospital relocation and of the land use regulations that would apply to the site, establishment of the committee was delayed. Since that time, the hospital has indicated that it would not completely abandon its property in Takoma Park and intends to continue to have some health services at the site, although specifics have not been announced. Specifics would likely be identified in the hospital's Certificate of Need application, which may be submitted in February or August of 2008.</p> <p>There has been interest expressed in having the Land Use Committee established soon. If the Council wishes to do so, Council may wish to have a formal connection between the HSIC and the Land Use Committee to facilitate communication between the two. One possible model is having a Chair or Co-Chair of the HSIC function as a Vice-Chair of the Land Use Committee. Another model that has been suggested is an Executive Committee that ties the two committees</p>

	together. The HSIC has not taken a formal position regarding the Land Use Committee or the means to relate one to the other.
Policy	The City Council is concerned with the provision of health services and the nature of development in the City of Takoma Park.
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	None
Recommendation	If Council wishes to establish a Land Use Committee at this time, give direction to staff as to the desired structure and charge of the committee, how the Land Use Committee will be connected to the HSIC, and whether or not the Council wishes to extend the term of the HSIC.